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STATUTE OF THE RUSSIAN SPACE AGENCY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Working paper submitted by the Russian Federation

Following the establishment of the Russian Space Agency under the Government of the Russian Federation, and the assignment to it of the functions of implementing State policy in the area of the exploration and use of outer space, including in the international cooperation sector, the Russian delegation brings to the attention of the States members of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space the Statute of the Russian Space Agency (in an abbreviated version) approved by decree of the Government of the Russian Federation of 9 April 1992.

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Annex

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1. The Russian Space Agency of the Government of the Russian Federation (RSA) is a State administrative body which formulates and implements State policy on the exploration and use of outer space.

2. The main tasks of RSA are:

To implement State policy on the exploration and use of outer space;

To formulate, in conjunction with the Russian Academy of Sciences, the Unified Armed Forces of the Commonwealth of Independent States, and the ministries, departments and organizations concerned, and to submit to the Government of the Russian Federation the draft State space programme of the Russian Federation, specifying the financial and other resources required, and also the dates for the completion of activities;

To carry out general procurement for the development of space systems, complexes and scientific and industrial facilities envisaged under the State space programme;

To participate in the development and use of dual-purpose (military and civilian) space systems, complexes and resources developed under defence contracts in accordance with the State space programme, and also in the preparation and launching of space complexes for scientific and national economic purposes;

To develop, in conjunction with industrial organizations and enterprises, a scientific research and testing base for space activities, and to establish scientific and technical stocks for the development of rocket and space technology;

To cooperate with the relevant bodies of member States of the Commonwealth of Independent States and of foreign countries in the exploration and use of outer space, and also in the use of ground-based space facilities, within the limits of its competence;

To coordinate work on commercial space projects and promote their implementation;

To coordinate work on the preparation and conduct of manned space flights and the protection of the safety of cosmonauts.

3. The Russian Space Agency shall, in accordance with the tasks entrusted to it:

Organize, in conjunction with the ministries, departments and organizations concerned, systems research to support the main areas of the development of space technology for scientific and industrial purposes and to determine the tactical and technical characteristics of space complexes;

Prepare on the basis of the State space programme and submit to the Government of the Russian Federation proposals on the Agency's budget for the following year;

Formulate in conjunction with the Russian Academy of Sciences and the ministries, departments and organizations concerned, on the basis of the State space programme and in accordance with its budget, and submit to the Government of the Russian Federation a draft programme of work in the Russian Federation for the following year;

Participate in the organization and conduct of scientific research, experimental and design and construction work on the development and use of dual-purpose space technology, and also of work to maintain and develop ground-based space facilities infrastructure;

Carry out scientific research, experimental and design and construction work on space technology for scientific and industrial purposes, procure supplies and organize the use of individual types of this technology in accordance with the Russian Federation's space technology work programme for the following year (space vehicles developed for the purposes of the Ministry of Communications of the Russian Federation and the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Russian Federation shall, as a rule, be procured and operated by these ministries);

Ensure the continuing development of new technologies, materials and scientific and technical stocks in order to develop promising types of space technology;

Maintain and develop the experimental and testing base needed to develop space technology under ground conditions;

Carry out research, scientific and technical monitoring and organization of work on the use, as a means for launching various space devices, of strategic missile systems which are scheduled for reduction or elimination;

- Cooperate with the corresponding organs of the member States of the Commonwealth and the Unified Armed Forces of the Commonwealth of Independent States in aspects of the conduct of joint space activities, the use of ground-based space facilities and the implementation of the other provisions of the inter-State agreement on joint activities in the study and utilization of outer space;

- Ensure, in conjunction with the ministries and departments concerned, compliance with the international obligations of the Russian Federation in the field of space activities and the development of mutually

advantageous cooperation with government and commercial organizations of foreign countries;

- Conduct, in conjunction with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation and the other ministries and departments concerned, discussions on the conclusion of international agreements for the exploration and use of outer space;

- Conclude, within the limits of its competence, international agreements with the corresponding organizations of foreign States;

- Maintain a register of space objects of the Russian Federation and submit information to the United Nations on space objects launched by the Russian Federation;

- Conduct, in accordance with established procedures, the issue of licences for all types of activity in the exploration and use of outer space and the provision of space services in the Russian Federation, and keep a record of those licences;

- Participate in the preparation of standards relating to the manufacture and use of space technology;

- Participate in monitoring compliance with safety requirements, standards and regulatory documents in the manufacture, testing and use of civilian space technology;

- Organize information services for the public, and take part in exhibitions of rocket and space technology and in the preparation and publication of scientific and technical literature on space activities;

- Elaborate, in conjunction with the ministries and departments concerned, draft legislative and other regulatory acts governing activities in the exploration and use of outer space.

4. The Russian Space Agency shall have the right:

- To acquire, lease, install, reconstruct and operate space and other forms of technology (including space vehicles and carrier-rockets), buildings and installations and other property and to acquire patents, licences and know-how;

- To conclude, on the basis of the space technology programme of the Russian Federation for the given year and in accordance with the regime established by the legislation of the Russian Federation, contracts for the conduct of basic, experimental and design studies, scientific research and work on the application of technology with ministries, departments, organizations and enterprises operating in the territory of the Russian Federation and of other States and to use extrabudgetary resources for the financing of such studies;

- To be represented, in accordance with its competence, in international organizations active in the exploration and use of outer space;

- To engage the services of experts on a contractual basis for the purpose of consultations or the preparation and consideration of relevant issues, and to set up temporary task forces and working groups;

- To engage in foreign economic activity in accordance with the established legal procedures;

- To send, in accordance with established procedures, employees of the Agency on official visits to foreign countries and to receive foreign specialists at the Agency to deal with issues connected with the Agency's work;

- To arrange the admission of foreign specialists, to launching sites and other ground-based space facilities, by agreement with the Office of the Chief of Space Resources of the Unified Armed Forces of the Commonwealth of Independent States and the corresponding organs of the member States of the Commonwealth;

- To engage, in accordance with established procedures, in international telephone, telex and facsimile communications.

5. The Russian Space Agency shall be headed by a General Director, who shall be appointed and dismissed by the President of the Russian Federation.

6. The General Director of the Russian Space Agency shall have deputies, appointed on his recommendation by the Government of the Russian Federation.

7. The Russian Space Agency shall operate settlement, current and budget accounts in banks, including foreign currency accounts.

8. The Russian Space Agency shall be a juridical person and shall have a seal depicting the state emblem of the Russian Federation and its own name, as well as the emblem (logo) of the Agency.